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1. In Igarka, ship had to anchor in the western approach to the port and lie and wait six days for an available loading place. During this period, no Soviet guards were posted aboard nor was there any search or sealing of equipment subject to sealing before the ship put to quay. A Soviet merchant vessel, which lay at the lumber quay and loaded props, took aboard an undetermined number of old trucks as deck cargo.
2. From the ferry pier it was about one-half kilometer to where the town began. Igarka was divided in two by a valley, approximately one kilometer wide, which extended up from the river in a northeasterly direction. It was built up on both sides of the valley; the buildings consisted mostly of low log houses built on poles which were driven down into the frozen ground. The portion of the town on the southeast side looked newer than the part on the northwest side. No large buildings, or buildings which could be thought to house factories, were observed. The population was stated to be 2,000 by several persons; this corresponded well to the size of the town. This summer about 300 seasonal workers were there too. There were several stores for consumer goods in both parts of the town. The supply of goods was quite good but the clothes and household articles looked plain and primitive. Norwegian salt herring cost 9.30 rubles per kilogram; shoes, 135 to 235 rubles per pair; 6 water glasses, 22 rubles. The people looked well nourished and healthy. They were well clothed. They regarded the foreign guests with curiosity but were good natured and kindly. Not a single soldier was observed in the town nor anyone who could be thought to be a political or criminal prisoner. The streets in the town were sawdust surfaced with a boardwalk on one or both

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sides. Across the valley between the two parts of the town there was a road built up on poles with a plank surfaced roadway. A bus, that is, an old truck with a wooden body and benches, travelled the distance between the parts of town. Also, a small number of trucks and lumber haulers, apparently in good condition, were observed on the roads and streets.

3. No station building, railroad, or railroad material of any kind was observed or anything that would indicate that a railroad was under construction. It was said that it would not pay to build a railroad since the ground frost would destroy it every winter. The interpreter said that there was permafrost 60 cm. below the ground surface.

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